

Firmly Oppose and Denounce the Fascistic War of Extermination Against the Ethiopian People

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The following is a statement of the Central Committee of the Ethiopian Student Union of North America:

Since his assumption of absolute dictatorial power after the February 3, 1977 coup Col. Mengistu with the full and utmost collaboration of the revisionist Haile Fida clique has unleashed the most vicious repression campaign in Ethiopia. This recent wave of repression campaign unleashed against the oppressed peasants, workers, teachers, and students is the most vicious, the most barbarous and the most fascistic terror campaign ever launched by the dictatorial regime.

Through anti-people campaigns officially code-named "Liquidation campaign", "Search and destroy campaign" etc... the fascist junta has and is brutally massacring thousands of peasants, workers, teachers and students all over the country. In a span of only two months since February 3 through April 3, it is believed (by conservative BBC estimates) that at least 2,000 progressive and democratic people have fallen victims of the campaign. As the EPRP in its News Release of March 16, 1977, brought to the attention of all progressive and democratic countries, political parties, organizations and individuals to condemn, "Assassination of students, workers, and teachers is being carried out in broad day light, prisoners are being executed en masse; workers, students and teachers are killed every day in all parts of the country. In one week alone, February 26-March 5, five hundred democrats and revolutionaries have been brutally murdered." To give some indication

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about the intensity of this vicious campaign, suffice it to note the following facts:

- February 25, 1977 -- 25 workers of the Addis Ababa cement factory executed

- February 26, 1977 -- 44 of the 470 progressive political prisoners held in the special security police station executed "secretly"

- March 13, 1977 -- 42 teachers, over half accused of being EPRP members and the rest accused of failing to identify themselves with the junta were imprisoned and later executed

- March 15, 1977 --43 people executed in Hagero district of Harrarghe Administrative Region

- 18 people killed in Wabera sub-district in Sidamo Adm. Region

- March 20, 1977 -- In Bale Adm. Region Sero district, 34 people killed and in Gololcha sub-district, 70 houses destroyed

- Gamu Gofa Adm. Region Wabe district, 6 people killed

- Hararghe Adm. Region in an area called Bitcheta, 10 people killed

- In Dedessa district of Illubabor, 8 people accused of being EPRP members imprisoned, presumed to have been executed

- In Addis Ababa, 7 workers from Addis Tannery suspected of distributing "subversive" leaflets thrown in jail, fate unknown but presumed to have been executed

-March 22, 1977 --In Arussi Adm. Region in the sub-district of Chole, 84 "anarchists" (the fascist junta's name for suspected member and/or sympathizer of the EPRP) were executed

-In the sub-district of Agarfa, Bale Adm. Region, 19 people killed...

This not being enough to quench its thirst for blood, the fascist regime on March 23, 1977 promulgated a de facto state of emergency in and around Addis Ababa to further intensify its terror campaign. According to the Promulgation of March 23:

-Every individual is required to hold an I. D. card at all times; any one without such a card is liable for severe punishment -- meaning execution

-All movements of privately owned vehicles is prohibited day or night until further notice

-All bars will be closed until further notice

-Only vehicles (i. e. govt.) with special permit could move

-Security forces have the right to search, arrest, or kill on the spot all suspected members or sympathizers of EPRP....

As a result of the above promulgation the special security forces of the fascist junta in the past two weeks have cold-bloodedly slaughtered countless number of revolutionaries and democratic elements. Among the countless revolutionaries killed in the past two weeks are Comrade Markos Hagos the gallant leader of the Confederation of Ethiopian Labor Union and Comrade Tesfaye Debessay and many other fine sons and daughters of the Ethiopian people.

It is clear as daylight and is even being admitted by the fascist junta that the recent terror campaign is spearheaded against the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party; for EPRP being the true communist vanguard of the Ethiopian Revolution has won the sympathy and support of the oppressed masses. In a vain attempt of breaking the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party the fascist junta has brutally massacred thousands of peasants, workers, teachers and students. But despite their terrorism the fascist junta and its revisionist collaborators are totally incapable of breaking the EPRP. History has proved that however severe repression the reactionary forces launch, they could never destroy the EPRP and the Ethiopian Revolution but rather by their futile attempt will hasten their own destruction.

ESUNA is confident and more than ever convinced that despite the temporary difficulties that might be caused by the recent terror campaign, the Ethiopian masses, under the leadership of EPRP will surmount all difficulties and achieve final victory.

ESUNA believes that all genuine and anti-imperialist and progressive forces are duty bound to support the revolutionary struggle of the oppressed masses in Ethiopia. With this in mind ESUNA calls upon all genuine anti-imperialist and progressive organizations to condemn the recent wave of fascist terror unleashed by the barbaric and dictatorial regime in Ethiopia.

Down with the Fascist Military Junta!!

Down with Feudalism, Imperialism and Bureaucratic Capitalism!!

Down with USSR-US counter-revolutionary collusion in Ethiopia!!

Long Live EPRP!!

Long Live the Ethiopian Revolution!!